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## COLORED MEN

Should Not be Brought to Chicago to Act as Strikebreakers for Such Negro-Hating Concerns as Marshall Field & Co. and Mandel Brothers.

The great teamster's strike in this city is at fever heat, and at the present writing it seems it will be a death struggle between the teamsters, the business men or the capitalistic classes, at this time we will not attempt to discuss any other phase of this bitter class struggle between capital and labor, except as it effects the law abiding colored people—those who will continue to reside in this wonderful city after the strike has been lost or won either by the teamsters or by those who are opposing them.

It is the opinion of the vast majority of the better class of colored people residing in all parts of Chicago, that the managers of the Employer's Teaming Company are not justified in bringing hundreds and hundreds of colored men here from the remote parts of the South—many of them representing the lowest and the toughest element of the race, who are armed to the teeth and are ready to shoot any person on the slightest provocation, to temporarily serve as strike breakers, for such Negro hating concerns as Marshall Field and Company, Mandel Brothers, and Montgomery Ward and Company who have no use for Negroes in general except to use them as brutish clubs to beat their white help over the head so that they will bow or knuckle down to them in all things.

Every intelligent colored man and woman residing in or near Chicago are aware of the fact that for years past Marshall Field and Mandel Brothers have absolutely refused to permit colored men or women to work in their stores even as cuspadore cleaners, and any Negro who will spend his money in their stores or work for them simply as a strike breaker, is an enemy and a traitor to his race.

Marshall Field and Company, Mandel Brothers, Montgomery Ward and Company and the other firms who are engaged in bringing many colored men here from the South to serve them for the time being like so many servile and abject slaves have by their actions proven themselves dishonest in this respect, for if they were inclined to give permanent work to colored men as teamsters, they could find plenty of respectable colored men right here in Chicago who are familiar with the city, and they would be in a much better position to act as teamsters, providing they were assured steady situations, than that class of colored men who are thrown in here from the rural districts of the South who are like a fish out of water or a wild horse in a city like Chicago.

But the managers of the Employer's Teaming Company, and the firms referred to seemingly only want to deal with the roving and the irresponsible Negro, so that they can handle them for a short time to suit

themselves. It is therefore the duty of the Afro-American preachers, residing in this city, to proclaim aloud from their pulpits against flooding Chicago, at this particular time, with so many colored men, who resemble or act like desperadoes, and judging by the conduct of many of them they are ready to cut and shoot at the drop of the hat.

The press in general should in a many way help to discourage this practice of rushing thousands of colored men into this city to act as tools for the puffed up millionaires who are Negro haters at heart and who have no use nor respect for colored men except to use them whenever they want to browbeat and bulldoze, and lord it over their white help.

Our chief contention is that it adds nothing to the credit of the Negro to become professional strikebreakers and the presence of this class of Negroes in Chicago at the present time makes it much more difficult for the respectable colored people in this community to get a long, and they assist to greatly increase all kinds of lawlessness which is now flourishing in this city.

### WILLIAM G. ANDERSON FAILED TO HAVE JAMES THOMAS RELEASED FROM THE BRIDEWELL.

On the night of the 3rd of last February, James Thomas, 17 years old, was arrested, while standing on the corner of State and Taylor streets, and as he was heavily armed with revolvers and being unable to give a straightforward account of himself, he was fined \$201.50 by Justice John R. Caverly, at the Harrison street police station and sentenced to the Bridewell for six months and his time expires August 3rd.

Shortly after James Thomas began doing time in the Bridewell, William G. Anderson held out a strong hope to his mother, Mrs. Thomas, "that owing to his strong pull and his great ability as a lawyer that he could secure the release of her son from the Bridewell without delay," and Mrs. Thomas claims "that she paid Mr. Anderson ten dollars some time ago and so far he has not succeeded in having her son set at liberty."

Mrs. Thomas, must remember at the present time Mr. Anderson has no time to waste on her even if she did give him ten dollars, for he is putting in all his time in a vain or mad effort to become Chief Prosecuting Attorney of Chicago.

The Elks composing the Great Lakes Lodge No. 43 will give their first Annual Ball, at the Coliseum Annex Wabash ave., and 15th street Monday evening May 8th, admission 50 cts. This will be one of the finest balls given this season, and all who attend it are assured a royal time.



HARRY HILDREITH JR.

The present able, and efficient Assistant City Treasurer of Chicago, who will be retained in his position by the powers that be.

### SOME OF THE PATRONESSES AND MANAGERS OF THE FREDERICK DOUGLASS CENTRE CHARITY BALL HAVE FAILED TO PAY IN THE \$5.00 FOR HAVING THEIR NAMES PRINTED ON THE INVITATIONS.

Last Wednesday evening dedication exercises were held at the new home of the Frederick Douglass Centre, 3032 Wabash avenue, at which time a full report was read covering everything which has been accomplished and accounting for for all the money so far collected and expended for the Centre.

On that same evening, the patronesses and managers of the great Charity Ball which is to be held at the Masonic Temple, Wednesday evening, May 10th, which is to be exclusive; and only participated in by the cream of the four hundred, met to arrange all the details incident to it, and it was really amusing to hear two or three ladies who have never been regarded as purified angels contend, that no one must be permitted to purchase a ticket at the box office unless they present an invitation which would seem to imply that the invitation alone will be accepted as a certificate of good character.

It may not be true, but it is reported that at this meeting Col. I. Reed, who is always looking for free doings when it comes down to dealing with the Afro-American newspapers, phoned to Mrs. Hall and wanted to know "why the J. was left out of his name," claiming, that the people would not know him as plain Isaac Reed.

Before the meeting drew to a close, it transpired that some of the patronesses and managers had failed to cough up their \$5.00 to pay for having their names printed on the invitations which are now worth their weight in gold, for all those who are itching to butt in to society are scrambling and are willing to put up their money for invitations, and it is further said that if all the patronesses and managers of the ball would come up with the right thing, that several hundred dollars more would be realized which would help to swell the fund which is all ready in sight.

Right at this point we desire to say that if Mrs. Hall, who has worked day and night to make this Charity Ball a grand success will send us the name of each patroness and manager over her own signature who have failed from any cause whatso-

ever to come up with the right thing or the long green, we will send her our check on the First National Bank of Chicago for \$10.00 for the benefit of the Frederick Douglass Centre.

### The Average Girl.

The average girl of the present day is of a few ideas and full of nonsense. She appeareth on the street clad in much fine raiment, and hunteth up a beau at whose expense she drinketh soda water until the setting of the Sun. She cheweth her gum in the morning, and when the evening approaches, lo, she is still chewing! She getteth the notion into her head that she can sing, and she warbleth until her father becomes a habitual drinker and the neighborhood gets out an injunction. She goeth forth to a party gowned in a dress that is too short at the top and too long at the bottom, and giggletill till the night waxeth old. She lieth abed in the morning until eleven hour, while her mother humps around and does the house work. She sighteth for a husband with a long mustache and plenty of money, but finally marries some fellow who smoketh cigarettes and holdeth up two fingers to the barber when he getteth a shave.

### ST. THOMAS.

On Low Sunday, being a feast of the third class, there was two masses at St. Thomas; low mass at 7:30 and a high celebration at 11, with sermon by the Priest. Next Sunday the same. This is the Octave of Easter, the Queen of Festivals is full of meaning to the well instructed churchman, for had Christ not risen then would our hope be in vain, but the Catholic faith teaches us not only the fact of the Resurrection but His Very Divine Presences in the Sacrament of the Altar. That is another reason why the Church cannot be used for secular purposes as the protestants do. Christ also said, "My House shall be for all nations a House of Prayer." St. Thomas is making efforts to raise funds to build a larger Edifice.

Calendar of week May 7th, second Sunday after Easter. Vestments White at High Mass, May 12th, Friday Fast.

James McDonald, 6130 Ada street, who worked at the Stock Yards for a long time, and W. B. Watson have cast their lots together and they are doing very nicely as Carpenters, Painters, Decorators, House Cleaning, and General Jobbing of all kinds.

### THE "MARTYR"

At the Columbus Theatre Was a Roaring Success.

Thursday afternoon "The Martyr," by Prof. H. Lawrence Freeman, was rendered at the Columbus Theatre with roaring success which was well filled with the best class of the colored population of Chicago.

From beginning to end it was first class in every respect and Prof. Freeman is to be heartily congratulated over the wonderful success which attended the production of "The Martyr."

Mr. Sidney Kirkpatrick, Mr. R. Taylor Thomas, Mr. J. E. Craig, Mrs. Marion Adams, Mrs. Corinne Brown, and Mrs. Virginia Green were all very clever in their respective characters, and each star received hearty applause while doing their stunts before the footlights.

The Walters and all the others connected with the presentation of "The Martyr," were exceptionally fine in the performances of their allotted parts. Mr. Chas. S. Sager, who is well known to the music lovers of Chicago was stage manager and everything under his directorship ran as smooth as a well oiled clock.

At a later date Prof. Freeman will re-produce "The Martyr" at night at some of the theatres at which time standing room will be at a premium.

### Cause of R. T. Greener's Recall.

Washington, D. C.—The State Department has made public a report on the undiplomatic procedure, which resulted in the recall of Richard T. Greener, formerly U. S. commercial agent at Vladivostok. It appears from the statement of the State Department, that Mr. Greener turned over the Japanese consular building at Vladivostok to the Russian Red Cross association without notifying the American ambassador at St. Petersburg.

The vacancy caused by the retirement of Mr. Greener has been filled by Thornwell Haynes, of So. Carolina. As soon as Ambassador McCormick learned of this mistake of the Vladivostok agent he at once informed Secretary Hay, and the Secretary wrote a letter to the Japanese Minister in Washington informing him of the facts and expressed regret that the action had been taken without having first consulted this government.

### The Future of Africa.

(Dr. Carl Peters in the Cape Times.) Africa in the end will be a black man's country. It is merely a mining country now, and probably it will remain a mining country, ad, if we go on attacking the black man, in the end he will be stronger than we are. I believe the time is coming when the last white man will leave these shores and that will be the end of the white man in this country; and then this will be again, as it was for centuries, a black man's country.

The free thought mind emancipated, civilized, self-respecting and self asserting American Negro is going to have something to say about this, and don't you forget it.—B.

### NEWS-PAPER DEAD BEATS.

What The Professional World of Columbia Thinks of Them.

There are probably more news paper dead beats than any other. There is one kind of newspaper dead beat that orders the paper sent to his address and refuses to pay for it when the bill is presented; another kind will borrow his neighbors paper before they get through reading, instead of subscribing for it himself; another will declare that he does not receive his paper regularly, when he does to get the editor to extend the time so that he may receive two years subscription for one dollar; still another will pay his back subscription by having the postmaster to mark his paper "refused." There are many other kinds of dead beats. The Professional World has just a few of them and we are getting rid of them as fast as we can.—E.

### CHIPS

Mrs. Eltha Humphries of St. Louis, Mo., is visiting her sister Mrs. P. B. Koppel, 4762 Armour avenue.

Nicely furnished room to rent, suitable for two gentlemen, Mrs. M. J. Lucas, 4349 Dearborn street.

Mr. J. Womach and Mrs. Woodley who are both well-known among Chicago's four hundred were united in marriage last Wednesday evening.

If the Employer's Teaming Co., want your services now, make them agree to retain you after the strike is over.

Mrs. L. Arms, 5050 Dearborn street, is spending several weeks in Milwaukee, Wis., in the interest of the M. E. Church Missionary Society.

Two nicely furnished rooms for rent to gentlemen, with gas, bath and Telephone, 6571 Blue, 4842 Armour avenue.

Stephens and Price Restauranters 2832 State st., have lately had their establishment, re-papered, re-painted, and re-modell in every way and it is now more popular than ever.

Major Lawrence M. Ennis has removed his law offices from the Chicago Opera House Building to suite 611 the Rector Building, Clark and Monroe st.

Rev. T. A. Clark who is upholding the banner of his Lord this year at Davenport, Iowa, has removed with his family from 6435 S. Halsted st., to 6142 Ada st.

Many folks who have paid their assessment for the Charity Ball are wondering what chance they will have to display their fine togs in such a small hall.

Rosa Thompson Harden, the one month old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Harden of 6349 Rhodes ave., after much suffering died Tuesday afternoon May 2nd.

Dr. Wm. F. Taylor has sold his Drug store, 29th and Armour avenue, to George M. Porter. It is rumored that in the future Mr. Taylor will engage in the banking business.

Monday evening May the 8th, Garden City Chapter No. 34. O. E. S. will give a Dancing Party at the Residence of Mrs. Amney 2624 Wabash ave. Admission is the small sum of 10 cents.

Edward Tlidington who has charge of the Harrison street Police Station is growing better looking each day. He is now sporting a handsome mustache and he would make a fine catch for the ladies.

Mr. William Fowler, Atlanta, Ga., will arrive in the city this coming Tuesday on a short visit with his sisters, Mrs. Dave Jenkins, Mrs. Geneva Smith, and Miss Alice Fowler, 4764 Dearborn street.

Thomas Gahan who was well and favorably known in the commercial and in the political world, very quietly passed away from this earth Sunday morning at his home, 4619 Grand Boulevard. Mr. Gahan was formerly chairman of the Democratic State Committee of Illinois, chairman of the Democratic Central Committee of Cook County and member of the Democratic National Committee. He was President of the Ogden Gas Company at the time of his death he was heavily interested in many other extensive business enterprises. Funeral services were held over his remains at Corpus Christi church, Grand Boulevard and Forty-Ninth street Wednesday morning, where solemn requiem high mass was sung. Interment at Mount Calvary: John P. Hopkins, John W. Sweeney, William A. Lydon, Roger C. Sullivan, William Russell, J. W. Farley and M. J. Doherty were the active pallbearers. Gov. Charles S. Deneen, Mayor Edward F. Dunne and members of the State and County Courts were the honorary pallbearers. In the death of Thomas Gahan Chicago has lost one of its most enterprising and public spirited citizens.